

Simpson set for Mariners

DUMPED Wanderers skipper Michael Simpson was in talks with Grimsby Town last night about a possible move to Blundell Park.

He met with Blues' third division rivals yesterday and admitted he is keen on re-launching his careers with The Mariners.

Grimsby were relegated to the basement division alongside Wycombe last season but have since appointed Russell Slade, who was Simmo's youth team boss at Notts County, as their manager.

And Simpson admits the chance to link up with his former tutor again does have an appeal and he believes his ex-boss could be the man to revive the fortunes of the Cleethorpes-based club.

He said: "I know him well. Grimsby are an ambitious club.

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It wasn't long ago they were in the first division and I think it could be a good move for me."

Simpson says he would relish the chance to pit his wits against Wycombe next season – just months after boss Tony Adams pulled the plug on his six-year Wanderers career.

But Grimsby aren't the only team trying to lure the 30-year-old midfielder, who is available on a free transfer following his release from Adams Park.

Division Three rivals Bristol Rovers and Leyton Orient have both revealed their interest in Simmo, who joined Wycombe in a £50,000 deal from Notts County and went onto become one of the most popular players to wear the quartered shirt.

Meanwhile Jermaine McSporry, who Blues let go on a free transfer on deadline day, has snubbed a return to Wanderers and joined third division champions Doncaster Rovers instead.

The jet-heeled 27-year-old had talks with Blues boss Tony Adams about returning to Adams Park before opting for Donny instead.

McSporry said: "At the end of the day they were the club that wanted me most.

"They made a real play for me. They are ambitious and I can't wait to get up there and start playing for them."

He added: "It was nice to have the option to go back [to Wycombe] but I didn't want to go back to a club that eight weeks earlier had told me I could leave.

"Doncaster really wanted me and that was important."



Heading for a new challenge: Blues skipper Michael Simpson was in Grimsby yesterday discussing a move to the third division club